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SUBJECT: KOUYATE APPOINTS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN
RIGHTS ABUSES

11. (U) According to both private and government-owned radio reports, Prime Minister Lansana Kouyate officially established a commission to investigate alleged human rights abuses committed during the January/February strike. The Ministry of Interior and Security reportedly submitted a list of approximately fifteen delegates, which Kouyate signed late in the week of September 24. In recent months, civil society organizations harshly criticized Kouyate,s failure to establish the commission, a key objective of the January 27 Accords.

12. (SBU) COMMENT. The GoG officially reports that 137 people were killed and over 1700 wounded in January and February. Establishing a commission to investigate these alleged human rights abuses is a key component of Kouyate,s mandate. Now that the commission has been established, civil society will be looking to see these alleged crimes fully investigated with appropriate penalties enforced. END
COMMENT.
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